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The Synod of North Carolina met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Martin McQueen, from Acts 20th chapter, 28th verse, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the, which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

The roll of Ministers and Churches was called and the following members were found to be present:

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ministers—Jacob Doll, P. H. Dalton, J. H. Smith, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. E. Jordan, James C. Alexander, James H. Fitzgerald, T. J. Allison, S. M. Smith, L. C. Vass, Wm. R. Atkinson, Roger Martin, A. Currie, (2) H. T. Darnall (2), J. L. Currie (2), C. N. Morrow (2), W. B. Tidball (2) and John W. Primrose (3.)

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ministers—E. F. Rockwell, T. N. Paxton, A. L. Crawford, T. G. Thurston, J. Rumple, Wm. W. Pharr, J. H. Colton, R. B. Anderson, J. M. Wharey, P. P. Winn, J. A. Ramsay, B. L. Beall, P. T. Penick (2), L. K. Glasgow (2), A. D. Hepburn D. D. (2), L. McKinnon (2) and W. A. Wood (3).

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ministers—Hector McLean, J. P. McPherson, Neill McKay D. D., A. McMillan, Martin McQueen, James McQueen, H. G. Hill and Wm. S. Lacy.

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PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers—J. R. Wilson D. D., K. McDonald and B. F. Marable (2).

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

Ministers—John Douglas, Walter W. Pharr, Samuel C. Alexander, G. D. Parks, S. Taylor Martin, E. H. Harding, R. Z. Johnston, J. J. Kennedy, Wm. H. Davis, W. E. McIlwaine, S. H. Chester, G. S. Robinson, J. F. Latimer, R. A. Miller (2), J. Wm Flinn, H. H. Banks, (2) and A. W. Miller D. D. (2).

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ruling-Elders—G. A. Denny, J. B. Burwell, C. G. Yates and Dr. L. B. Spencer.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ruling-Elders—R. A. Alexander, R. W. Allison, J. R. B. Adams, H. C. Hamilton, James H. Greenlee, R. Sterling, A. J. Seigle, T. H. Robinson, J. D. McNeely, E. B. Stimson, A. C. McIntosh, J. K. Graham, R. Culbertson, R. P. McCombs, J. M. Alexander, J. R. Blake, John M. Query (2), Wm. N. Johnston (2) and L. A. Potts (2).

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ruling Elders—H. H. Hodgin, J. J. McKay, Malcom McNeill, M. Ferguson, D. C. McIntyre, Milton McIntosh, H. McEachern, A. Blue (2) and Peter McRae (3).

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ruling-Elders—J. H. Maxwell, W. N. Campbell, C. H. Robinson and J. W. Gulick (2).

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

Ruling-Elders—Hugh A. Gray, A G. Neal, R. F. Blythe, Wm. J. Fite, J. A. Torrence, H. M. Dixon, J. W. Reid, C. L. Gibson, C. Scott, W. H. Michal, W. P. Blair, J. Pagenstacker, C. L. Hunter, R. I. McDowell, J. W. Morrow, Jno. Wolff (2) and W. H. Fitzgerald (2).

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Ministers—Geo. W. Ferrill, Edward Hines, Thomas U. Faucette, J. M. Atkinson, Drury Lacy, D. D., Charles Phillips, D. D., C. H. Wiley, H. B. Pratt, Robert Burwell, Wm. G. Baird, Wm. A. Shaw, M. D., C. Miller and John M. Anderson

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

Ministers—Daniel Lindley, T. P. Johnston, G. M. Gibbs, A. E. Chandler, R. W. Boyd, J. H. Thornwell and John W. Davis.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Ministers—Archibald Baker, D. D. McBryde, Joseph Evans, N. T. Bowden, Archibald McQueen, J. H. Coble, David Fairley, A. N. Ferguson and K. M. McIntyre.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers—D. B. Black, Colin Shaw, James M. Sprunt, S. H. Isler, James Kelly, N. Z Graves, A. McFadyen, A. Kirkland, C. M. Payne, G. W. McMillan and H. B. Garriss.

ABSENT.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

Ministers—R. H. Morrison, D. D., James E. Morrison, James D. Hall, William N. Morrison, L. R. McAboy, D. D., R. H. Chapman, D. D., Wm. Graves, D. T. Towles, Wm. B. Corbitt and Wm. McDonald.

The Rev. John Douglas of the Presbytery, of Mecklenburg, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. William S. Lacy, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and Samuel H. Chester of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Hector McLean.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 25th, 1877.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Ruling-Elders, A. Blue and John Query gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last annual session was dispensed with.

The following Ministers gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Synod:

P. H Dalton, E. F. Rockwell, T. N. Paxton, A. L. Crawford, T. G. Thurston, Wm. W. Pharr, P. P. Winn, A. McMillan, S. C. Alexander, G. D. Parks, S. T. Martin and W. E. McIlwaine

Rev. E. H. Harding gave reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Synod which were not deemed satisfactory, and, on motion, he was not excused.

On motion, a committee was appointed to report to the Synod, what action is best to be taken with reference to members who absent themselves from the meetings of the Synod.

Under this order, the Moderator appointed the following as the committee: Rev. D. E. Jordan, Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., and Rev. G. D. Parks, with Ruling-Elders A. G. Neal and W. H. Michal.

Rev. A. Currie, H. T. Darnall and Ruling Elder John Wolff appeared in the Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *On Bills and Overtures.*—Revs. M. McQueen, T. N. Paxton, and R. W. Allison, Ruling-Elder.

2. *Judicial Committee.*—Revs. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., H. McLean, and Ruling-Elder, A. G. Neal.

3. *On the Records of Orange Presbytery.*—Rev. R. B. Anderson, Rev. James McQueen, and J. H. Greenlee, Ruling-Elder.

4. *On the Records of Concord Presbytery.*—Rev. Walter W. Pharr, Rev. A. McMillan, and C. L. Hunter, Ruling-Elder.

5. *On the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery.*—Rev. G. D. Parks, Rev. J. M. Wharey, and Richard Sterling, Ruling Elder.

6. *On the Records of Wilmington Presbytery.*—Rev. F. H. Johnston, Rev. W. E. McIlwaine, and Milton McIntosh, Ruling-Elder.

7. *On the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery.*—Rev Roger Martin, Rev. S. M. Smith, and E. B. Stimpson, Ruling-Elder.

8. *To prepare an address to the Churches on the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod.*—Rev. J. F. Latimer, Rev. S. T. Martin, and C. G. Yates, Ruling-Elder.

9. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Rev. E. H. Harding, with Ruling-Elders R. I. McDowell and C. Scott.

10. *On the Treasurer's Account.*—Rev. H. G. Hill and H. C. Hamilton, Ruling-Elder.

11. *On the Minutes of the General Assembly.*—Rev. L. C. Vass, Rev. W. H. Davis and J. H. Maxwell, Ruling-Elder.

12. *On Union Theological Seminary.*—Rev J H Smith, D. D., Rev. Wm. W. Pharr, and C. H. Robinson, Ruling-Elder

13. *On the Report of the Trustees of Synod.*—Rev. D. E. Jordan, Rev. P. P. Winn, and J. W. Reid, Ruling-Elder.

14. *On Statistical Reports*—Rev. P. H. Dalton, Rev. S. C. Alexander, and John Wolff, Ruling-Elder.

15. *On Leave of Absence.*—Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Rev. J. P. McPherson, and H. A. Gray, Ruling-Elder.

The Moderator obtained leave of absence from the session of Synod to-day, from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Statistical reports from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod were called for; they all reported, and their reports were referred to the Committee on Statistical Reports.

Narratives on the State of Religion from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod were presented, read and referred to the committee appointed to prepare an address to the Churches.

The report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read, and referred to the Committee on the Seminary.

The nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board from this Synod was referred to the same Committee.

Rev. J. P. Gammon, of the Synod of Nashville, Rev. J. B. Mack, of the Synod of South Carolina, and Rev. G. L. Cooke, of the Synod of Virginia, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members of this Synod.

Rev. H. H. Banks appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Committee to whom was referred the report presented at last meeting of Synod concerning the relative and absolute aggressiveness of Presbyterianism in the Synod of North Carolina, presented an abstract of the report prepared, which was read and accepted, and the full report together with the abstract, were referred to a special committee to consider and recommend to Synod what action should be taken concerning them.

Under this action the Moderator appointed as the special committee, Rev. H. G. Hill, Rev. E. F. Rockwell and Dr. C. L. Hunter.

Absentees from the roll call at the close of the last meeting of the Synod were called on for their excuses, and Rev. H. T. Darnall was excused. Pending the calling of the list of absentees, on motion, this call was suspended, and the question of continuing the rule was referred to the committee appointed to report what action should be taken concerning members of Synod absenting themselves from its sessions.

Rev. Mr. Boshammer of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. Mr. Chalmers, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dr. Lee, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members of this Synod.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report in part, concerning hours of meeting of Synod, which were adopted, and is as follows:

That the Synod meet daily at 9½ A. M., taking recess at will during the morning session; take recess at 2½ P. M., to meet again after public worship in the evening.

Reports on Systematic Benevolence from the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Mecklenburg were read, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Overture No. 1 from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, touching the work of the Committee of Publication, was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Overture No. 2 from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, touching the terms of office of the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the General Assembly was read, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod was read, accepted and referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account.

It was made the order of the day, immediately after public worship this evening, to hear the report of the Agent of Sustentation.

Rev. C. M. Shepperson, D. D., of the Synod of Mississippi, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of this body.

The report of the Agent of Publication was read, and recommitted to the Agent for verbal corrections.

It was made the first order of the day, immediately after public worship to-morrow (Friday) evening, to hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools was read, accepted and approved, and the resolutions appended were adopted, and a copy of the report ordered to be placed in the hands of the Editor of the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN for publication.

The resolutions appended to the report are as follows:

Resolved 1. That the Presbyteries be again enjoined to use all judicious efforts to secure more faithful reports, after the regular prescribed form, from every church under their authority.

Resolved 2. That we recommend to the several Presbyteries increased activity in the establishment of Sabbath Schools for the colored people; and do hereby most earnestly exhort our Presbyteries and Churches to prosecute this good work wherever God opens the door.

Resolved 3. That Presbyteries should specially emphasize and encourage the performance of the duty of affectionate and diligent training of the children of the Church to understand and contribute regularly and cheerfully to all the benevolent operations of the Church.

Resolved 4. That we heartily commend the *Children's Friend* and the *Earnest Worker* as valuable aids in the prosecution of our Sabbath School work.

One thousand copies of the minutes of this meeting of the Synod were ordered to be printed.

Goldsboro, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the last Sabbath in October, 1878, at 8 o'clock P. M., as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

On motion, the Synod then took recess until after public worship.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod convened after recess and resumed business.

Rev. Mr. Whitfield, of the Baptist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod.

Revs. L. K. Glasgow, P. T. Penick, C. N. Morrow, J. L. Currie, B. F. Marable, W. B. Tidball, A. D. Hepburn, D. D., and A. W. Miller, D. D., with Ruling-Elders W. N. Johnston, L. A. Potts, J. W. Gulick, and W. H. Fitzgerald, appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. S. Mattoon, D. D., of the Synod of the Atlantic, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the report of the Synodical Agent of Sustentation was taken up. The report was read, amended and approved, and an abstract was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The resolution appended to the report was then adopted and is as follows:

Resolved, That Synod recommends to all its Presbyteries, co-operation in the work of Sustentation and Evangelization with the Assembly's Committee to the extent, at least, of giving some fair proportion of their contributions to these objects, to this committee.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Thomas N. Paxton.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 26, 1877.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. Jno. W. Primrose and Ruling-Elder, Peter McRea, appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Copies of the Charlotte *Democrat* were laid on the table for the use of the members, for which the thanks of the Synod were returned.

Letters assigning satisfactory reasons for absence, were read from Revs. A. McFadyen, Thomas U. Faucette, J. M. Anderson, John H. Coble and Archibald Baker.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary made a report which was accepted. The Directors who had failed to attend the meetings of the Board were called upon for their excuses, and those of the Revs. B. F. Marable and F. H. Johnston were sustained. The report after amendment was adopted and is as follows, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary would report as follows:

1. The Synod record, with renewed joy and gratefully acknowledges the continued blessing of God upon this important and beloved Seminary as evinced in the gratifying number of Students, the general health of Professors and Students and in the favorable condition of its finances.

2. The Synod expresses its special gratification that the Trustees propose to make permanent arrangements for suitable instruction in Elocution and Sacred Vocal Music. We heartily approve of this, and hope they will not remit their efforts in this regard.

3. The Synod of North Carolina makes special and grateful mention of the donations made to this Institution towards founding additional scholarships, viz: of $1,450 by Mrs. Ann Davisson, late of Rockingham County, Virginia, and of $9,000 by Mr. Joseph B. Wilson, of Rockbridge County, Va., and would commend this object to the attention of, and imitation by some of the wealthier members of the Church within the bounds of this Synod, as a means whereby they may render lasting aid and give increased efficiency to one of the most vital interests of the Church, and of human society.

4. The Synod expresses its opinion, that the Students who attend the Seminary from any of our Presbyterian Churches, and enjoy the rare advantages furnished there for instruction, should always have the endorsement and be under the care of Presbytery. The Synod is sorry to learn that there should have been as many as ten Students, who, at the time of matriculation were not under such Presbyterial care.

5. The Synod would hereby express its sympathy with Rev. P. H. Dalton, of this Synod, in the death, last Fall, of his son, a member of the Junior Class, and of its thanks to God, for the grace bestowed upon this young brother, and the peace and joy exhibited in his triumphant death and departure, "To be with Christ."

6. The Synod expresses its thanks to the Great Head of the Church for all the manifest tokens of his favor, vouchsafed to this Seminary in the past, and for its future we do humbly acklowledge our dependence on, and implore the continuance of His grace and goodness.

7. The Synod hereby re-appoints the Fouth Class of Directors, whose term expires at this meeting, to-wit: Rev. F. H. Johnston, Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, and in the place of Mr. Evander McGilvary, Mr. Geo. Chadbourn, of the First Church, Wilmington.

8. That the Rev. B. F. Marable, of the 3d Class, and the Rev. F. H. Johnston, of the 4th Class, and Mr. D. A. Davis, of the 2d Class, who were absent at the last annual meeting of the Directors, and who have forwarded no excuse therefore, be now called upon by the Moderator, to render to this Synod their excuses for such absence.

9. That Mr. Murdock be appointed in the place of Mr. D. A. Davis, whose name is dropped from the roll for absence, not accounted for according to the rule of Synod.

Rev. A. D. Hepburn, President of Davidson College, by invitation, addressed the Synod concerning the interests of that Institution.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Aggressivences made a report which was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to which the report on Presbyterian Aggressiveness in North Carolina, was referred, would make the following recommendations:

1. That the abstract furnished by the Chairman of the Original Committee, be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

2. That the report be returned to the Chairman, Rev. J. Rumple, with the request that he forward the facts and suggestions of the re-

port embodied, in at least, six articles under appropriate headings, to the North Carolina Presbyterian for publication.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell presented a paper concerning the appointment of a Synodical Historical Committee, which was adopted and is as follows:

Whereas, There is a great amount of material, either already in print, or in MS. S., collected of the history of our Church, and it is desirable that it be put in a permanent form, therefore,

Resolved 1. That a committee of one Minister and one Elder be appointed in each Presbytery to gather up this material, with what additional may be prepared in a limited time.

Resolved 2. That they arrange, and if needful, have copied and prepared for the press, the histories of our Churches gathered together.

Resolved 3. That this be attended to as soon as practicable.

Resolved 4. That the report of Rev. J. Rumple, on Aggressiveness, be made the introduction to this volume.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees called for by the foregoing action:

Rev. L. C. Vass and Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay in Orange Presbytery.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell and Professor J. R. Blake, in Concord Presbytery.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy and B. Fuller, in Fayetteville Presbytery.

Rev. Colin Shaw and Dr. L. W. Robinson, in Wilmington Presbytery.

Rev. E. W. McIlwaine and Dr. C. L. Hunter, in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, to report upon the nature, warrant and functions of the Evangelist, presented a report which was accepted, and the following resolution appended to the report was adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod, a Scriptural Evangelist is just a Presbyter commissioned to preach the Gospel without pastoral charge, wherever in the judgment of the Presbytery, his services may be needed for the conversion of sinners, and entrusted by the Presbytery with just so much of the joint power as in each case may be lawful and expedient.

On motion, the report was returned to the Rev. Jno. W.

Primrose, the Chairman, to be sent to the Editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian with the request of the Synod, for its publication.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 A. M., to hear the report of the Agent of Education.

And it is further ordered, that Rev. Dr. Jno. N. Waddell, the Asssmbly's Secretary of Education, and Rev. Dr. B. M. Smith, of Union Theological Seminary, be invited to address the Synod in connection therewith.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, made the following report which was adopted, viz:

The Committee to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Wilmington, respectfully report that they have discharged their duty, and recommend the approval of the Records, with the following exceptions, viz:

That business was transacted unneccessarily on the Lord's day, not in keeping with its sacredness, such as the reception and adoption of Statistical Reports, appointment of Committees, &c., (see pages 64 and 84).

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery, made the following report which was adopted, viz:

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Concord Presbytery, recommend the adoption of the following:

Approved, with the exception that the Minutes were not examined last Fall.

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery reported, recommending their approval as far as written.

This report was adopted.

Rev. L. McKinnon appeared in Synod, and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported concerning Overture No. 1, as follows:

OVERTURE NO. 1.

"The Presbytery of Mecklenburg does hereby overture the Synod of North Carolina to appoint at its approaching sessions, a committee to take this whole subject (of Publication) under consideration, to

watch the progress of results and report such action as may be necessary to protect the interests of our Church within her bounds."

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The last General Assembly has made such radical changes and modifications in the operations of the Committee of Publication as to reduce its expenses forty per cent., therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod deems it inexpedient and premature to appoint said committee at this time.

This report was adopted.

The Synod then took recess until after public worship.

EVENING SESSION.

After recess, Synod met and resumed business.

Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., of the Synod of Virginia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod.

Rev. Wm. A. Wood appeared in Synod, and gave satisisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. A. L. Crawford was granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, made a report which was accepted, approved and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Statistical Reports of the five Presbyteries composing this Synod, are as follows :

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange report to the Synod of North Charolina, that they consist of 31 Ministers, and have under their care 56 Churches, one Licentiate and 8 Candidates for the Ministry ; that on the 15th day of November, 1876, they received Mr. John M. Anderson by certificate, from the Presbytery of Concord, and on the next day installed him Pastor of Mebanevile Church ; that on the 28th day of March, 1877, they dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. E. M. Green, and the Washington Church, and on the same day, dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Transylvania ; that on the fourth day of December, 1876, they organized the Church of Mount Vernon, in Chatham County, North Carolina ; that on the 18th day of March, 1877, they installed

Rev. F. H. Johnston, Pastor of Winston Church; that on the 27th day of April, 1877, they received Rev. Wm. R. Atkinson by certificate, from the Presbytery of Roanoke, and on the same day, they received Rev. Roger Martin, from the Presbytery of Montgomery; that on the 20th day of April, 1877, they installed Rev. John M. Anderson, Pastor of Bethlehem Church; that on the 28th day of April, 1877, they licensed Mr. Patrick Redd Law, to preach the Gospel, that on the 19th day of June, 1877, they dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. T. J. Allison, and the Tarboro Church; that on the 16th day of June, 1877, they reorganized Grier's Church, in Caswell County, N. C; that on the 15th day of May, 1877, they organized the Second Church, of Raleigh; that on the 29th day of July, 1877, they installed Rev. Samuel Macon Smith, Pastor of Washington Church; that since the last meeting of the Presbytery, our Evangelist, Rev. John W. Primrose organized a Church at Littleton, Halifax County, N. C.; that on the 10th day of June, 1877, they installed Rev. James H. Fitzgerald, Pastor of the Church of Durham, and that the next Stated meeting of the Presbytery, will be held in Newbern, N. C., on Wednesday, before the 4th Sabbath in April, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB DOLL,

October 26th, 1877. *Stated Clerk.*

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they comprise 24 ministers and 35 Churches, and have under their care three licentiates and five candidates; that on the 18th day of October, 1876, they lost, by death, the Rev. Jesse Rankin; that on the 19th day of May, 1877, they received the Rev. J. H. Colton from the Indian Presbytery; that on the same day, they licensed Mr. R. D. Stinson, as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry; that on the same day they ordained Mr. J. A. Ramsay, licentiate, to the full work of the Ministry, and installed him Pastor of Thyatira Church; that on the 9th day of June, 1877, they installed Rev. J. A. Ramsay, Pastor of Back Creek Church, and that they will hold their next semi-annual meeting at Bethphage Church, on Wednesday, before the 3d Sabbath of April, 1878, at 11 o'clock. A. M.

WILLIAM W. PHARR,

October 26th, 1877. *Stated Clerk.*

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina: that they consist of 17 Ministers, and have under their care 49 churches, one licentiate and two candidates for the Gospel Ministry; that on the 20th day of April, 1877, they dismissed

Mr. Wm. M. McGilvary, at his own request, to place himself under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery; that on the same day they received under their care, the Church of the Covenant; that on the same day, they dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. Archibald McQueen and Ashpsole Church, and declared said Church vacant; that on the 21st day of April, 1877, they dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. David Fairley, and Cypress Church, and declared said Church vacant; that on the 15th day of September, 1877, they dismissed licentiate Colin A. Monroe, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Mississippi; that on the 11th of Oct., 1877, they dismissed licentiate E. Marshall Monroe, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Onichita, and that the next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Iona Church, Robeson County, N. C., on Thursday, before the 4th Sabbath in April, 1878, at 11 A. M.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery,

J. P. McPHERSON,

Pee Dee Church, October 13th, 1877. *Stated Clerk.*

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they number 15 Ministers and have under their care 32 Churches, 2 licentiates and 2 candidates; that on the 26th of November, 1876, they installed Rev. Kenneth McDonald, Pastor of Black River Chapel; that on the 22d day of April, 1877, they ordained Mr. H. B. Garriss, licentiate, to the full work of the Ministry, and on the 3d day of June, installed him Pastor of Whiteville and White Plains Churches; that on the 5th day of June, they dissolved the Pastoral relation, between Rev. R. A. Miller and the Churches of Mount Williams and Richlands, and on the same day dismissed him to the Presbytery, of Mecklenburg; that on the 24th of June, they installed Rev. B. F. Marable, Pastor of Goldsboro Church; that on the 22d day of September they dismissed Mr. J. S. Black, licentiate, to the care of Chickasaw Presbytery, and that their next Stated meeting will be held at Mount Zion Church, Duplin County, on Thursday, before the 4th Sabbath in April next, at 12 o'clock M.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAMES M. SPRUNT,

Richlands, September 22d, 1877. *Stated Clerk.*

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg report to the Synod of North Carolina:

1. That they consist of 27 Ministers, 46 Churches and have under their care two licentiates and seven candidates.

2. That on the 21st of June, 1877, they received Rev. J. F. Latimer

from the Presbytery of South Carolina, and Rev. R. A. Miller from the Presbytery of Wilmington, and on the 30th of March, 1877, they received Mr. J. Wm. Flinn, licentiate of Charleston Presbytery, and on the 21st of June, 1877, they received Mr. W. M. McGilvary, licentiate of Fayetteville Presbytery, and on the 15th of September, 1877, they received Mr. Donald McQueen, licentiate of Harmony Presbytery, and on the 10th of February, 1877, they organized a Church at Matthew's Station, on the C. C. R., in Mecklenburg County.

3. That they transferred Rev. T. E. Davis, at his own request, to the Presbytery of South Carolina, on the 15th of September, 1877.

4. That they licensed Mr. E. P. Davis to preach, on the 1st of April, 1877, and transferred him, at his own request, to the Presbytery of South Carolina, on the 15th of September, 1877, and that they withdrew his license to preach, from Mr. J. A. Woodburn without censure, on the 15th of September, 1877; that they ordained Mr. J. Wm. Flinn, on the 15th day of September, 1877, and installed him Pastor of Davidson River, Mills River and Hendersonville Churches on the same day; that on the 20th day of October, 1876, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of Rev. Wm. B. Corbitt and the Asheville Church, and on the 20th day of April, 1877, they installed Rev. Wm. B. Corbitt Pastor, for half his time, at Olney Church, and on the 27th day of April, 1877, they installed him Pastor, half his time, at Union Church; that they installed Rev. R. A. Miller, at Monroe Church, Pastor, half his time, on the 18th of August, 1877; that on the 21st of June, 1877, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of Rev. Robert Hett Chapman, D. D., and Caldwell Church, and that the next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Monroe, Friday, 11 A. M., before the 2d Sabbath of April, 1878.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery,

R. Z. JOHNSTON,

Davidson River Church, September 17th, 1877. *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, a committee was appointed to draft a suitable minute concerning the death of Rev. Jesse Rankin. The Moderator appointed Rev. B. L. Beall, Rev. W. W. Pharr, and Elder H. C. Hamilton as said Committee.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Agent of Foreign Missions read his report, which was accepted and approved, and the resolutions appended to the report were adopted, and are as follows:

Resolved 1. That Synod directs that the recommendation of the Assembly for a sermon to be preached on Missions, at the beginning of the year, be attended to in May, the time for annual collections for this cause, and that concerts of prayer be held by sessions, and that Presby-

terial Agents of Foreign Missions call attention to this matter, as they may deem proper at the time.

Resolved 2. That the report on Foreign Missions be returned to the Agent, with instructions to publish it in the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN in April, 1878.

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

The Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Churches, on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod, made the following report which was accepted and approved, and ordered to be read on a day of public worship to the Churches, by the Pastors and Stated Supplies :

DEAR BRETHREN : A review of the Narratives of the several Presbyteries as to the State of Religion within their bounds, furnishes several grounds for encouragement :

1. There has been in most of the Churches, good attendance upon Divine worship, and in many, special religious interest. The great majority of the Churches have received additions to their membership during the past year. Not only have the places of those who have fallen asleep been filled, but there seems to have been an absolute growth in numbers.

2. The Sabbath Schools are, in many places, in a most flourishing condition, and throughout our bounds, there is a growing interest in this branch of the work of the Church. In many of the Churches, the Pastors have held special services for the children, thus recognizing the right of these little ones to the stated ministrations of the word.

In connection with these facts we feel constrained to mention others which call for regret :

I. There has been a falling off in the contributions of most of the congregations. This is due in a great measure, we do not doubt, to the financial stringency of the times. But the fact that some of our Churches have kept up to the standard of better days, while others have even gone beyond it, shows that this furnishes no sufficient reason for decrease on the part of any. It must be confessed that the members of the Church have never come up to the measure of their duty in this matter of worshiping God with their substance. Christians cannot expect to have their souls watered, while they withhold from the Lord that which he has lent them, to be returned to Him with usury.

II. The Presbyteries mention with emphasis, the neglect of family prayer. It is scarcely necessary that we should even refer to the fact that the Church began its existence in the family, and that it cannot

grow and prosper where there is no such thing as family religion. We therefore affectionately enjoin upon the heads of families, the duty of the reading of the Word and prayer in their homes. It is in the family that the deepest and most lasting religious impressions are made. That parent who neglects the great duty of praying *with*, as well as for his children, violates the obligation he took upon himself when he dedicated those children to the Lord in baptism, and should not be surprised if they fail to become Christians. Surely he must give an account for his unfaithfulness.

III. Our Presbytery speaks of the sad prevalence of intemperance. That this is a great evil everywhere, there can be no doubt, and one which if not checked, must hinder most seriously the growth of the Church.

We would also call your attention to the importance of a strict observance of the Sabbath, and we would earnestly warn you against the many insidious forms of worldly amusements, which threaten to stifle vital godliness in the Church, especially those to whose seductions many are most exposed, the dance, the card table and the theatre. "Be not conformed to this world." In conclusion, we would commend you to God, and to the Word of His Grace, with the prayer that you may be strengthened by him, in the performance of every duty, and that you may be preserved by his mighty power until the day of the revelation of Jesus Christ. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

JOHN DOUGLAS,

Moderator.

The Stated Clerk presented the statistical report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and these Presbyteries consist in whole, of 114 Ministers, having under their care 218 Churches, 9 Licentiates, and 24 Candidates, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	LICENTIATES.	CANDIDATES.
Orange,	31	56	1	8
Concord,	24	35	3	5
Fayetteville,	17	49	1	2
Wilmington,	15	32	2	2
Mecklenburg,	27	46	2	7
Total,	114	218	9	24

The Synod further reports that its next Stated meeting will be held in Goldsboro', N. C., on the Wednesday, before the last Sabbath in October, 1878, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the Synod,

JACOB DOLL,

Stated Clerk.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. A. Currie.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 27th, 1877.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Walter W. Pharr.

The roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

Rev. Jno. N. Waddell, D. D., of the Synod of Memphis, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod

Letters assigning satisfactory reasons for absence, were read from Rev. Charles Phillips, D. D., Rev. Jas. M. Atkinson, and Rev. W. G. Baird.

Rev. G. D. Parks was added to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute concerning the death of Rev. Jesse Rankin, presented the following paper which was adopted :

The Committee to prepare a minute, touching the death of the Rev. Jesse Rankin, report the following :

This Synod has heard, with sorrow, of the death of Rev. Jesse Rankin, after serving as a Minister of Christ about fifty years.

Faithful in labor for Christ; punctual in attendance upon the courts of the Church and judicious in counsel. He has left to us who remain, an example worthy of our imitation, and memory dear to our hearts. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family of our departed brother.

The Committee appointed to review the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, made a report which was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows, viz :

The Committee on the Minutes of Mecklenburg Presbytery, beg leave to make the following report ; that the book be approved so far as written, with the following exceptions :

1. On page 9th, it appears that a minister was installed in Pineville Church, as Pastor over Providence Church, not in the presence of the congregatian of the latter Church ; but simply before a commission of that Church, (see Form of Government, Chap. XV, Sec. 13).

2. That on page 71, in recording the licensure of a candidate, no auch record was made, as is required by our Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Sec. 8).

3. On page 76, a part of the records is not included in the body of the Minutes, but is appended after they have been read, approved and attested by the Stated Clerk.

4. On page 79, in the case of complaint against the session of Hopewell, the record is so meagre as to present no sufficient account of the case, or of the reasons for the action of the Presbytery. (See Book of Discipline, Chap. IV, Sec. 23).

5. That no record was made of the approval of the Minutes at the close of the *pro re nata* meeting, on page 9, nor of the reading, nor approval of the minutes at the close of a similar meeting, recorded on page 10; but that record was made on page 12, of the reading and approval of these minutes some months aftey they were written :

The report of the Agent of Education was read, accepted and approved.

In connection with this report, the Synod was addressed by Rev. Dr. Waddell, the Assembly's Secretary of Education, and Rev. Dr. Smith, of Union Theological Seminary.

The resolutions appended to the report on Education, were then adopted, and are as follows:

The resolutions appended to the report were then adopted, and are as follows:

Resolved 1. That the Synod recommends to our several Presbyteries, to transmit to the Assembly's Committee any surplus funds that they may have on hand, after doing their own work.

Resolved 2. That the last Thursday in February be observed as a day of prayer for our youths, in our various institutions of learning.

Resolved 3. That we have heard, with pleasure, the addresses of Rev. J. N. Waddell, D. D., Secretary of Education, and Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., of Union Seminary, Virginia, and, as a Synod, would assure them of our deep and abiding interest in the great work of education which they represent

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report concerning Overture No. 2, from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, touching the terms of office of the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the General Assembly. The report was received, and after some discussion, was, on motion, laid on the table.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Report, made a report which was received, amended, adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find satisfactory vouchers filed for all of the disbursements.

Your Committee desire to call especial attention to the fact, that the Synod is in debt $250, and that for the payment of this sum, and that for publishing the minutes of the present session, we have in our Treasurer's hands $42 09.

The Treasurer reports that two of our Presbyteries failed to pay their assessments for 1876, viz: Fayetteville $80, and Mecklenburg $75, and that the Presbyteries of Concord, Fayetteville and Mecklenburg are in arrears for 1877, and Orange Presbytery in part. If all the Presbyteries would promptly pay to our Treasurer the amounts due, it would place him in funds to pay all our present indebtedness and leave ample means to pay for publication of the Minutes of the present session.

We recommend that the Treasurer be directed to correspond with the Stated Clerks, urging them to send forward as early as practicable, the sums due by them.

We recommend that instead of an account as furnished to this meeting by the Treasurer, that he be required to lay his book before each annual meeting of the Synod.

We also recommend that the present assessment upon the Presbyteries be continued for the coming year, to-wit :

Orange Presbytery	$130 00
Concord Presbytery	75 00
Fayetteville Presbytery	80 00
Wilmington Presbytery	50 00
Mecklenburg Presbytery	75 00
Total	$410 00

The Report of the Agent of Publication which had been re-committed for amendment, was presented as amended, was approved and the resolutions appended to the report were adopted, and are as follows :

Resolved 1. That the cause of Publication commends itself to the intelligent appreciation and generous support of all our Churches, and they are hereby earnestly admonished to remember it by their contributions when the time comes; and our ministers and sessions likewise, to see to it, that their respective congregations are afforded the opportunity of contributing to this cause.

Resolved 2. That the *Earnest Worker* deserves, and is hereby recommended to a liberal patronage by our people, especially by parents and teachers in Sabbath Schools.

The Committee appointed to recommend what action the Synod should take concerning members of Synod who failed to attend its sessions, submitted a report which was received and after amendment was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee appointed to recommend some action concerning absentees from the sessions of Synod respectfully recommend the following :

WHEREAS, Some Ruling-Elders, appointed to represent Churches, and some Ministers, members of this Synod, are habitually absent from its sessions, without excuse rendered, therefore,

Resolved 1. That the Stated Clerk be directed, immediately after each Stated meeting, to write to each absentee, and to each session not represented, and inform them that the Synod requires them to report the reason of such absence.

Resolved 2. That the calling of the roll at the close of the sessions of the Synod be continued, in order to ascertain whether a quorum be present, and also that Presbyteries may be informed of the presence or absence of members.

The thanks of the Synod were returned to the Editors of the daily *Observer*, of this city, for their full and careful reports of the proceedings of the Synod.

The Committee appointed to examine the reports of the Trustees of Synod, reported that their report contains nothing calling for action by the Synod. The report was approved.

The Committee to review the records of Orange Presbytery reported, recommending their approval as far as written. This report was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to report at the next meeting of Synod, as to what can be done to promote the greater efficiency of Evangelistic work in our bounds.

On this Committee the Moderator appointed the following persons, viz : Rev. B. F. Marable, Rev. J. W. Primrose, Rev. G. D. Parks, Rev. H. G. Hill and Rev. B. L. Beall.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a report which was received, amended, adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly call the attention of the Synod to the exceptions taken to to its Minutes. (See page 443 Minutes of the Assembly).

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been laid before them, and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the request granted.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Union Theological Seminary, was invited to address the Synod on the recommendations of the

Assembly, concerning Theological Education and Supervision of Candidates.

Rev. Dr. Waddell was invited to address the Synod touching the Colored Theological Institute, at Tuscaloosa, under the care of the Assembly.

The following paper on this subject was then adopted :

Resolved, That the Presbyteries connected with this Synod, be urgently requested to take prompt action touching the Institute for colored Theological Students, at Tuscaloosa. Three following points are especially commended to the attention and action of our Presbyteries.

1. Raising monies for the support of the Instructor in said Institute.

2 Contributions for aggregating a Student's Fund, to be sent to Dr. Stillman, for the support of colored candidates.

3. Careful selection of candidates, who shall be recommended to the Committee managing said Institute, as suitable for instruction and who are such, to be supported by the Presbyteries thus selecting and recommending.

Rev. L. McKinnon presented the following paper which was, on motion, adopted, viz :

The Synod of North Carolina believing that much might be done for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom by settled Pastors, outside of their regular charges, would earnestly recommend, that all our Ministers should seek out in their neighborhood, destitute places and supply them with preaching by extra labors on the Sabbath, or, on week days, as opportunity may offer.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted a report on the Religious Exercises of the Sabbath, which was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee respectfully report, that they have granted leave of absence to the following members of Synod:

To Rev. W. R. Atkinson after Thursday.

And to the following members after Friday night, viz :

Rev. Messrs. J. H. Smith, D. D., E. F. Rockwell, J. F. Latimer, J. P. McPherson, J. J. Kennedy, Samuel M. Smith,

Neill McKay, D. D., B. L. Beall, Hector McLean, P. T. Penick, L. K. Glasgow, James McQueen, T. J. Thurston and T. J. Allison Messrs. R. Culbertson, R. F. Blythe, Wm. J. Fite, R. A. Alexander, C. H. Robinson, J. R. B. Adams, Samuel A. Torrence, E. B. Stinson, H. A. Gray, J. M. Alexander, C. L. Gibson, H. H. Hodgin, H. McEachern, D. J. McKay, Wm. M. Johnston, J. W. Reid, F. H. Fitzgerald, L. A. Potts, D. C Mcintyre, Wm. N. Campbell, Angus Blue, Malcom McNeill and A. J. Seigle.

To the following members after Saturday, at 5 P. M., viz: Rev. Messrs. J. M. Wharey, A. Currie, James L. Currie, H. T. Darnall, Walter W. Pharr, P. H. Dalton and James C. Alexander. Messrs. M. Ferguson, T. H. Robinson, J. W. Morrow, W. P. Blair, J. D. McNeely, J M. Query, R. W. Allison and John Wolff.

Rev. J. H. Colton offered the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Lord to grant this year, very generally, to North Carolina, good crops; and whereas, our people fail to give of their means to the Lord as largely as His work demands, and there is no general turning from sin unto Christ on the part of sinners; therefore, it is

Resolved, By the Synod of North Carolina, that there is a call for a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer; and that our people be exhorted to observe earnestly, such a day of Thanksgiving as may be set by our Governor, and that it be made a day of special prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost within our bounds.

Resolved further, That if the Governor should fail to set such a day, that our Moderator do so through the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod of North Carolina are hereby tendered to the citizens of Charlotte, for their generous hospitality in entertaining the members of this Synod; to the Railroad Companies for their reduction in fare; and to the first Presbyterian, Tryon Street Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Calvary Methodist, and colored Presbyterian Churches, for the use of their Churches for religious services; and that the Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church be requested to read this resolution from his pulpit on Sabbath morning, and to secure its publication in the city papers.

The roll was called and the following members of Synod were found to be absent without permission :

From the Presbytery of Concord.—Rev. J. A. Ramsay, and Mr. J. K. Graham, Ruling-Elder.

From the Presbytery of Fayetteville.—Messrs. Milton McIntosh, and P. McRae, Ruling-Elders.

From the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.—Rev. Messrs. G. D. Parks, W. H. Davis, W. E. McIlwaine, H. H. Banks, and A. W. Miller, D. D. Messrs. A. G. Neal, R. F. Lyle, J. W. Reid, C. L. Gibson, and W. P. Blair, Ruling-Elders.

The Minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet in Goldsboro', N. C., on the Wednesday, before the last Sabbath in October, 1878, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

JACOB DOLL,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Benevolence.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Orange Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina, that of 56 Churches, 43 report contributions to one or more of the Assembly's schedule of contributions. Twenty-eight Churches contributed to all the objects; five to three; four to four; three to three; two to four; one to one; and 13 to none. Of these 13, two are recently organized, and several are very feeble organizations.

39	Churches gave to		Sustentation	$ 3 52
38	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	8 95
32	"	"	Invalid Fund	1 74
36	"	"	Foreign Missions	8 56
37	"	"	Education	2 50
35	"	"	Publication	2 19
17	"	"	Miscellaneous	16 70
	Total			$44 16

There has been an advance over the contributions in 1876 to Foreign Missions and Evangelistic Fund; but a decrease in gifts to Sustentation, Invalid Fund, Education and Publication. We are devising means to stimulate the liberality of our Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Presbytery,

JACOB DOLL,

Stated Clerk.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Synod of North Carolina that for the year ending April 1st, 1877, the contributions of the Churches under its care to the several objects ordered by the General Assembly, have been as follows:

20	Churches contributed to		Sustentation	$ 341 43
16	"	"	Evangelistic	140 32
19	"	"	Invalid Fund	137 57
21	"	"	Foreign Missions	690 43
19	"	"	Education	190 30
18	"	"	Publication	150 21
	Total			$1,650 31

Thirteen congregations have contributed to all the six objects of be-

nevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 16 to five of them; 20 to four of them; 21 to three of them; 22 to two of them; 23 to one of them; 3 have contributed to none of them.

WILLIAM W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, gathering their facts from the free conversation on the State of Religion, and from the Statistical reports to the General Assembly, would respectfully present the following as the report to Synod. The statistics cover the fiscal year closing 1st April, 1877:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina:

38	Churches gave to		Sustentation	$ 220 00
33	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	148 00
31	"	"	Invalid Fund	127 00
37	"	"	Foreign Missions	872 00
37	"	"	Education	218 00
35	"	"	Publication	117 00
			Total contributed to General Assembly's causes	$1,704 00
			Twelve Churches gave to Miscellaneous objects	371 00
			Total contributed to all Benevolent causes	$2,075 00

Of our 49 Churches, 28 gave to all six objects of the Assembly; 4 gave to five of them; 5 gave to four of them; 1 to two of them; 1 to one of them; and two Churches gave to none of the objects enjoined by the General Assembly, so far as reported. The Presbytery further reports, that while there has been a slight decrease in the aggregate ($20 77—$20 75), there has been a decided increase in the number of contributing Churches, and in the number of collections. The average is painfully small, occasioned in part by the fact there were ten Churches representing 550 members report nothing; and in part by the fact that so many in all our Churches do nothing.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of Presbytery,

J. P. McPHERSON,

Pee Dee Church, N. C., October 13th, 1877. *Stated Clerk*

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina, the following contributions for Benevolent objects during the year ending 1st April, 1877, viz:

16 Churches have contributed to	Education	$	99 90
18 " "	Foreign Missions		282 21
16 " "	Publication		42 72
18 " "	Sustentation		129 03
11 " "	Evangelistic Fund		31 42
17 " "	Disabled Ministers		65 77
Miscellaneous			2,345 00
Total			$2,996 05

Eleven Churches have contributed to all of the objects ordered by the General Assembly; 4 to five of them; 1 to four of them; 2 to three of them; 2 to none of them, and 12 have failed to report.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAS. M. SPRUNT,

Richlands, September 22d, 1877. *Stated Clerk.*

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports to the Synod of North Carolina, that according to the last returns from the Churches (March, 1877):

29 Churches gave to	Sustentation	$	13 03
23 " "	Evangelistic Fund		1 83
21 " "	Invalid Fund		1 42
27 " "	Foreign Missions		9 40
21 " "	Education		5 71
23 " "	Publication		2 08
Total		$	33 45

Less by $16.23 than was contributed last year. This decrease has been in contributions to Sustentation, Evangelistic and Invalid Funds and Foreign Missions; while there has been very considerable increase in contributions to Education and Publication.

While there has been a falling back in contributions to *Benevolence*, the aggregate amount of funds raised by the Churches for all purposes is $55 33 *more* than it was the year before, being a little more than $7 per member.

Fifteen Churches gave to six objects of Benevolence; 7 gave to five; 2 gave to four; 2 to three; 2 to one; 1 to one, and 17 to none, or failed to report.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of Presbytery,

R. Z. JOHNSTON,

Davidson River Church, Sept. 17th, 1877. *Stated Clerk.*

ABSTRACT OF SUSTENTATION REPORT.

1st. *Ministerial Support.*—Synod pays in salaries $55755. Average salary promised in Orange, $600; Concord, $806; Fayetteville, $800; Wilmington, $800; Mecklenburg, $670; average salary paid, $506.

2d. *Sustentation.*—Synod contributed $1810, and disbursed $959. Received from Assembly's Committee $100.

3d. *Evangelistic Work.* In Synod, about 3 Evangelists contributed $2317. One Presbytery co-operates with Assembly's Committee.

4th. *Invalid Fund.*—Contributed, $677; disbursed, $650; paid Assembly's Committee, $560; received from it, $625; nine persons or families aided.

5th. *Relief Scheme.*—Embraced by three Ministers and no Church in Synod.

6th. *Evangelization of Colored People.*—No collections; 1 Church organized; 1 licentiate employed half his time; some preaching by white Ministers.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, VIRGINIA.

Annual Report of the Trustees and Directors to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, 1876-'77.

The Trustees and Directors having held their annual meeting on the 10th and 11th of April, 1877, submit to the Assembly and to the Synods, this their

REPORT.

The attendance of Trustees at the annual meeting was full. Mr. J. Harman Brown, of Baltimore, who was appointed a Director from the Presbytery of Chesapeake by the Synod of Virginia, was elected a Trustee, and having qualified in the mode prescribed by the law, appeared and was enrolled.

The whole number of students during the term of 1876-77, was sixty-two. Of this number fourteen were in the Junior Class, twenty-two in the Middle Class, and twenty-six Seniors. Ten students at the time of matriculation, were not under Presbyterial care.

The usual certificate of having completed the full course of study in the Seminary, and having passed satisfactory examinations, were awarded to the following members of the Senior Class, to-wit: Isaac N. Campbell, Virginia; Patt. R. Law, North Carolina; James H. McCown, Virginia; Wm. L. McLelland, North Carolina; Edmund M. Munro, North Carolina; James A. Ramsey, North Carolina; John Ruff, Jr., Virginia; Robert De. L. Stinson, North Carolina; Wm. L Trimble, Missouri; Goodridge A. Wilson, Virginia; Samuel K. Winn, Georgia; Wm. H. Woods, Kentucky; and Charles W. Johnson, of Virginia.

No general sickness has at any time during the term prevailed, and but one case of serious illness has occurred. For the first time in the history of the institution, there was a *death* among the students during the session. Mr. Archie C. Dalton, of North Carolina, under the

care of the Presbytery of Orange, and a member of the Junior Class, died on the 19th of September, 1876, after a brief illness. His end was one of great peace, showing forth abundantly the sustaining power of Divine Grace.

The finances are in a favorable condition. For details, on this and other matters of interest, the Assembly and Synods are referred to the report of the Secretary and Treasurer hereto appended.

One hundred and fifteen volumes have been added to the library, during the past year. The whole number of volumes amount to about ten thousand five hundred.

The method of written examinations, (combined with oral,) has been adopted, with satisfactory results, both as furnishing a more accurate and reliable test of the attainments of the students, and stimulating them to closer and more thorough work. The Trustees propose to make permanent arrangements, if practicable, for instruction in elocution and sacred vocal music.

We give thanks to God for the manifold tokens of His favor, vouchsafed to the Seminary in the past, and for its future, we humbly recognize our dependance on His grace and goodness.

By order of the Trustees,

J. RUMPLE,

April 12th, 1877. *President.*

APPENDIX.

The funds of the institution are invested in interest-bearing public securities, from which are derived its annual revenues, and from which salaries and other expenses are paid. The existing investments are as follows, by their face value:

1	Virginia Certificates of Debt and Consols, (tax receivable)	$137,695
2.	State of Georgia Consols	12,000
3.	Individual bonds (two in number)	30,250
4.	Richmond & Danville Railroad bonds	10,000
5.	Long Island Bank (7 shares)	350
6.	South Side Railroad bonds	5,000
7.	Nashville bond	1,000
8.	Richmond City bonds	8,000
9.	St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad bonds	1,000
10.	James River & Kanawha bonds	3,500
11.	Orange, Alexandria & Manassas Gap bonds	4,700
12.	Salem, Virginia bonds	2,000
13.	Central Railroad bonds	6,000
14.	North Carolina bonds (in litigation)	15,000
15.	" "	4,147
16.	Des Moines Valley Railroad	1,000
17.	City of Montgomery, Alabama	1,000
	Total,	$242,642

During the past year, (1876–77,) $1,450 have been received under the will of Mrs. Ann Davisson, late of Rockingham County, Virginia, to

found a Scholarship. Mr. Joseph B. Wilson, of Rockbridge County, Virginia, has given, since the adjournment of the Trustees, *nine thousand dollars* in the James River and Kanawha Company bonds, to establish three Scholarships of $3,000 each. This is the second of the benefactions of this liberal gentleman for Scholarships. At present, the annual income of the Seminary is chargeable with about $2,000 to meet the orders in aid of students placed on the several Scholarships.

The Trustees are the Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Read, Richmond, Virginia, President; Rev. Dr. J. Henry Smith, of Greensboro', N. C., and J. Harman Brown, of Baltimore, Md., Vice-Presidents; Judge F. N. Watkins, of Farmville, Virginia, Secretary and Treasurer; and Messrs. H. G. Hill, J. P. McPherson, W. W. Pharr, B. F. Marable, F. H. Johnston, J. M. Atkinson, J. Rumple, E. N. Hutcheson, D. A. Davis, R. I. McDowell, E. McGilvary, of North Carolina. William Brown, J. J. Bullock, H. M. White, J. L. Kirkpatrick, W. T. Richardson, Alexander Martin, Charles White, E. M. Armstrong, and J. N. Sydenstricker, of Virginia.

The Rev. Dr. Wm. Brown, Rev. W. T. Richardson and Charles White, and Messrs. E. M. Armstrong, and E. N. Hutcheson, compose the Executive Committee.

The Faculty are the Rev. Dr. B. M. Smith, Rev. Dr. R. L. Dabney, Rev. Dr. T. E. Peck, and Rev. Dr. H. C. Alexander.

The Rev. Dr. Smith is Librarian, the Rev. Dr. Peck is Intendant, and the Rev. Dr. Dabney, is the Clerk of the Faculty.

The Post office address of the Students and Professors is Hampden Sidney, Virginia; that of the Treasurer is Farmville, Virginia.

The session of 1877–78 begins on Wednesday, the 8th day of August, 1877.

F. N. WATKINS,

Farmville, Va., April 13th, 1877. *Secretary.*

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT ON AGGRESSIVENESS.

The Committee on Aggressiveness, having considered the whole subject of the history and progress of the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina would respectfully report, that the Presbyterian Church was planted in North Carolina, about the year 1736, in Duplin County, and shortly after this time in New Hanover County and Cumberland by Scotch Presbyterians. About the same time, the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians settled in the western part of the State. They rapidly increased, until at the period of the Revolution, they numbered three or four thousand, and constituted about 1-75th of the population of North Carolina. At this time (after the lapse of 100 years) they number 16,544 communicants in 214 Churches, with 113 Ministers. The number of members has been doubled about every 35 or 40 years, and at this time the communicants in the Synod of North Carolina, number about one in every 70 of population; or, counting the Associate

Reformed Presbyterians and the Colored Presbyterians, they number about one in every 50 of population. There has thus been both an absolute and relative increase of membership in our Churches. The ratio of gain is about 33 per cent. on the increase of population.

In comparison with other denominations, Presbyterians have increased in an intermediate ratio. They have far exceeded all other denominations in the State, except two, and these two, according to the numbers reported by them, have largely exceeded the Presbyterians. Looking upon the whole work done by our Church, since its origin in the State, we have reason to thank God and take courage for the future.

At the same time, doubtless, we have failed to perform our whole duty. With our educated ministry, our intelligent, influential and wealthy members, we ought to have planted the Presbyterian Church in every corner of the State. Without pausing to particularize the various hindrances to our success, your Committee would briefly point out the measures they deem proper for the future growth of Presbyterians.

1. The first is the more general employment of Evangelists. Let Synods and Presbyteries and Ministers press this work, enlighten the Churches, and strive to secure more liberal contributions to this cause.

2. The next is the more frequent efforts of our settled Ministers to do Missionary work in regions bordering upon their Churches.

3. An effort to preach more popular sermons, and a greater endeavor to secure immediate results from their labors.

4. An awakening of our eldership to a sense of the responsibility resting upon them, especially in attending Church Courts and shaping the legislation of the Church.

5. The more systematic, orderly and punctual administration of our financial affairs under the control of the Deacons.

J. RUMPLE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

The Committee to whom was referred the Statistical reports of the several Presbyteries respectfully report, that four Churches have been organized: three in Orange Presbytery and one in Mecklenburg. One Minister has died in Concord Presbytery. Three Ministers have been dismissed: one from Orange Presbytery, one from Mecklenburg, and one from Wilmington. Four Ministers have been reeceived into our bounds; two by Orange Presbytery, one by Concord and one by Mecklenburg. Three Ministers have been ordained: one by Concord Presbytery, one by Mecklenburg, and one by Wilmington. Your Committee recommend that these Statistics be published in the minutes.

P. H. DALTON,
S. C. ALEXANDER.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

To the Synod of North Carolina, at Charlotte, Oct., 1877:

The Trustees of Synod respectfully report, that in accordance with a resolution passed by Synod at their meeting held at Greensboro', October, 1875, they have endeavored to settle by compromise the debts due from J. Lyon and J. H. Stephenson, but have not been able to make any settlement.

They further report that they have not received or been informed of any other fund due the Synod, which would properly come into their hands as Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board,

JOHN E. BROWN,

Chairman.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

REVISED OCTOBER 16, 1874.

RULE 1.—All excuses for tardiness or absence rendered by members on the floor, or communicated in writing, shall be deemed satisfactory, unless a motion is made and prevails to the contrary.

RULE 2.—It shall be the duty of each member when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator stating reasons for his detention.

RULE 3.—It shall be the duty of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, to render their excuses for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board to the Synod; and if any Director shall be absent from any appointed meeting of the Board without assigning a sufficient excuse, his name shall be dropped from the roll or his seat in the Board shall be declared vacant.

RULE 4.—The Moderator shall at every meeting, appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence, and those members who leave the Synod, without permission, shall be called to answer for such irregularity at its next meeting, and for this purpose the roll of members shall always be called before the final adjournment.

RULE 5.—The Synod shall call upon Ruling-Elders in the same manner as upon its Ministers, for their excuses for tardiness.

RULE 6.—A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

RULE 7.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, a correct and certified Roll of the Ministers, and another one of the churches, at least ten days previous to each meeting of the Synod.

RULE 8.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, whenever neces-

sary, to issue and sign certificates for the return of members and their families on the Railroads of the State to their homes.

RULE 9.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to deposit with the Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary, and also the Librarian of Davidson College, a complete series of the Minutes of the Synod as far as published. The Presbyteries composing this body are requested to do the same with their Minutes when published.

RULE 10.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to publish in the Appendix to the Printed Minutes, a list of the Ministers of the Synod, with their post offices.

RULE 11.—The Stated Clerk shall have printed every year on the last page of the Minutes, a carefully prepared Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

RULE 12.—It shall be a standing Rule of this Synod to publish the names of the Ruling-Elders and Deacons belonging to the churches under its care, in the Appendix to the Minutes, at least once in every five years. And it is enjoined upon the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries, to forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, when called for, a correct list of the names of the Elders and Deacons, and their post offices in the different churches.

RULE 13.—Agents shall be appointed on each of the following objects of Christian Benevolence, viz: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education and Publication. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of the Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them; and the consideration of these reports shall be a special order at each meeting of Synod.

RULE 14.—The Chairman of the Sustentation Committee in each Presbytery is instructed to furnish the Synodical Agent on this subject such facts and figures as will inform him of what has been done the previous year within their bounds. And this information shall be furnished on or before the second day of the Session of Synod each year.

RULE 15.—The subject of Systematic Benevolence shall be made a standing item on the Docket of Synod, and the Presbyteries shall be called upon to make annual reports of their diligence in this matter.

RULE 16.—An Agent of Sabbath Schools shall be appointed, who shall present annually before the Synod, as full a report as possible, of the condition and growth and prospects of the Sabbath School cause. And the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are directed to send a copy of the annual reports to the General Assembly on Sabbath Schools, to the Synodical Agent.

RULE 17.—That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to send annually to the Treasurer of Union Theological Seminary, an amount sufficient to pay the travelling expenses of the North Carolina Directors.

RULE 18.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Synod to present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

RULE 19.—Presbyteries are required to forward the reports of their Agents of Foreign Missions, Education and Publication, to the Synod's Agents, respectively, before the annual meeting.

RULE 20.—The standing rules of the Synod shall be published annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod. (See Records, October 16, 1874, page 333).

RULE 21.—The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and since that time observed by them, are the Rules for the guidance of this Synod. (See Records, October 14th, 1875, page 362).

RULE 22.—The reports of Presbyteries to the Synod on Systematic Benevolence shall extend from April 1st. to April 1st, of each year. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 392).

RULE 23.—The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, beginning with the meeting held in Greensboro', October, 1875. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 399).

RULE 24.—A Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred. And this Committee shall report to Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body. (See Records, October 19, 1876, page 414).

RULE 25.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk immediately after each Stated meeting, to write to each absentee and to each session not represented, and inform them that the Synod requires them to report the reason for such absence. (See Records, October 27, 1877, page 44).

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813. Rev. Robert H. Chapman.
1818. Rev. Colin McIver.
1849. Rev. Drury Lacy.
1855. Rev. Archibald Baker.
1859. Rev. Jacob Doll.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1813.	Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D	Fayetteville.
1819.	Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, M. D	Raleigh.
1820.	Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	Rev. John Robinson	Hillsboro'.
1823.	Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD—Continued.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1824.	Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	Rev. John B. Davis	Greensboro'.
1826.	Rev. William McPheeters, D. D	Fayetteville.
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D	Salisbury.
The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.		
1828.	Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830.	Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831.	Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsboro'.
1832.	Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834.	Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835.	Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.
1836.	Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837.	Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838.	Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839.	Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840.	Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D	Danville, Virginia.
1841.	Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842.	Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843.	Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844.	Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845.	Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846.	Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensboro'.
1847.	Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848.	Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849.	Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsboro'.
1850.	Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851.	Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852.	Rev. William N. Mebane	Danville, Va.
1853.	Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854.	Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855.	Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D	Greensboro'.
1856.	Rev. Neill McKay	Fayetteville.
1857.	Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858.	Rev. Jacob Doll	Newbern.
1859.	Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860.	Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861.	Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862.	Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsboro'.
1863.	Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864.	Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greeensboro'.
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866.	Rev. R. Hett Chapman D. D	Charlotte.
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	Newbern.
1868.	Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington.
1869.	Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.
1870.	Rev. S. A. Stanfield	Raleigh.
1871.	Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872.	Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D	Charlotte.
1873.	Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple	Concord.
1875.	Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensboro'.
1876.	Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877.	Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, Mr George Chadbourn, Ruling-Elder.
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, To go out in 1881.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling-Elder.
Rev. H. G. Hill, To go out in 1880.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS

Rev. J. P. McPherson, Mr. — Murdock, Ruling Elder,
Rev. Walter W. Pharr, To go out in 1879.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. J. Rumple, Mr. R. L. McDowell, Ruling-Elder,
Rev. B. F. Marable, To go out in 1878.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Col. John E. Brown, Chairman.....Charlotte, N. C.
Col. J B. Rankin..... " "
Mr. J. L. Brown..... " "
Mr. T. H. Brem..... " "
Mr. J. H. Welbourne..... .....Lexington, "
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord, "

To go out in 1879.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Agent of Foreign Missions.
Rev. H. G. Hill.....Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. L. McKinnon.....Agent of Education.
Rev. F. H. Johnston..... .....Agent of Publication.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Agent of Sabbath Schools.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay.....Greensboro', N. C.

ROLL OF MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAPOLINA.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	George W. Ferrill	Tally Ho.
2.	Edward Hines	Sassafras Fork.
3.	Jacob Doll	Reidsville
4.	A. Currie	Graham
5.	Thomas U. Faucette	Sassafras Fork.
6.	Joseph M. Atkinson	Raleigh.
7.	P. H. Dalton	High Point
8.	J. H. Smith, D. D.	Greensboro'
9.	F. H. Johnston	Winston
10.	D. E. Jordan	Oxford
11.	Drury Lacy, D. D.	Raleigh.
12.	James C. Alexander	Greensboro'
13.	C. N. Morrow	Mebaneville
14.	Charles Phillips, D. D.	Chapel Hill
15.	C. H. Wiley	Winston
16.	William B. Tidball	Greensboro'.
17.	L. C. Vass	Newbern.
18.	H. B. Pratt	
19.	John W. Primrose	Manson
20.	Robert Burwell	Raleigh
21.	James H. Fitzgerald	Hillsboro'.
22.	William G. Baird	Oak Hill.
23.	Wm. A. Shaw, M. D.	Raleigh
24.	H. T. Darnall	Milton.
25.	C. Miller	Madison
26.	T. J Allison	
27.	James L. Currie	Hillsboro'
28.	John M. Anderson	Mebaneville
29.	Samuel A. Smith	Washington
30.	William R. Atkinson	Raleigh.
31.	Roger Martin	Lexington

LICENTIATE.

P. R. Law — Pittsboro'

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office*
1.	R. B. Anderson	Morganton
2.	B. L. Beall	Lenoir
3.	R. W. Boyd	Salisbury
4.	J. H. Colton	Morganton
5.	A. L. Crawford	Mocksville.
6.	John W. Davis	Soochow, China
7.	G. M. Gibbs	Hickory Station.
8.	L. K. Glasgow	Davidson College
9.	A. D. Hepburn, D. D.	Davidson College
10.	T. P. Johnston	Statesville
11.	Daniel Lindley	Brooklyn, New York.
12.	L. McKinnon	Concord.
13.	T. N. Paxton	Marion
14.	P. T. Penick	Mooresville

15. Wm W. Pharr.....Mount Mourne
16. E. F. Rockwell.....Cool Spring.
17. J. Rumple.....Salisbury
18. J. H. Thornwell.....Concord.
19. T. G. Thurston.....Taylorsville
20. J. M. Wharey.....Harrisburg
21. P. P. Winn.....Lenoir
22. W. A. Wood.....Statesville
23. J. A. Ramsay.....Mill Bridge

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Hector McLean.....	Melrose
2.	James P. McPherson.....	Fayetteville
3.	Neill McKay, D. D.....	Summerville
4.	Archibald Baker.....	Shoe Heel
5.	Andrew McMillan.....	Rockingham
6.	D. D. McBryde.....	Little River Academy.
7.	Martin McQueen.....	Carthage.
8.	Joseph Evans.....	St Paul's
9.	James McQueen.....	Swann's Station.
10.	N. T. Bowden.....	Morven
11.	Archibald McQueen.....	Shoe Heel
12.	John H. Coble.....	Laurinburg
13.	H. G. Hill.....	Fayetteville
14.	David Fairley.....	Manchester
15.	A. N Ferguson.....	Laurinburg
16	K. M. McIntyre.....	Butler's Ford
17.	William S. Lacy.....	Jonesboro'.

LICENTIATE.

Daniel A McRae.....Melrose

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Duncan B. Black.....	Burgaw.
2.	Colin Shaw.....	Black River Chapel
3.	James M. Sprunt.....	Kenansville
4.	B. F. Marable.....	Goldsboro'.
5.	S. H. Isler.....	Kinston
6.	James Kelly.....	(Unknown)
7.	N. Z. Graves.....	Warrenton.
8.	A. McFadyen.....	Elizabethtown
9.	A. Kirkland.....	Teachey's
10	Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.....	Wilmington
11.	C. M. Payne.....	"
12.	G. W. McMillan.....	"
13.	K. McDonald.....	Black River Chapel
14.	H. B. Garriss.....	Whiteville.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Robert H. Morrison, D. D.....	Cottage Home.
2.	James E. Morrison.....	Morven
3.	James D. Hall.....	Garibaldi.
4.	John Douglas.....	Charlotte
5.	William N. Morrison.....	Asheville.
6.	L. R. McAboy, D. D.....	Lynn.
7.	Robert Hett Chapman, D. D.....	Asheville.

8. William Graves.....Mills River.
9. Walter W. Pharr.....Alexandriana.
10. A. W. Miller, D. D.....Charlotte
11. William B. Corbitt.....Pleasant Ridge
12. D. T. Towles.....Crab Tree.
13. G. D. Parks.....Charlotte.
14. S. Taylor Martin..... "
15. E. H. Harding..... "
16. Samuel C. Alexander.....Wadesboro'.
17. R. Z. Johnston.....Lincolnton.
18. William McDonald.....Charlotte.
19. John J. Kennedy.....Gastonia.
20. J. F. Latimer.....Davidson College.
21. William H. Davis.....Charlotte.
22. H. H. Banks.....Asheville.
23. William E. McIlwaine.....Huntersville.
24. S. H. Chester.....Castania Grove.
25. G. S. Robinson.....Pineville.
26. R. A. Miller.....Monroe.
27. J. William Flinn.....Hendersonville.

LICENTIATES.

W. W. McGilvary.....Rutherfordton.
Donald McQueen.....Wadesboro'.

DOCKET

Of the Sixty-Fifth Session of the Synod of North Carolina, to be held in Goldsboro', N. C., on Wednesday the 23d day of October, 1878, at 8'clock P. M.

1. Prayer.
2. Roll call.
3. Moderator chosen.
4. Temporary Clerks chosen.
5. Minutes read.
6. Absentees from the last meeting of Synod.

From Orange Presbytery—Ministers—George W. Ferrill, Edward Hines, Drury Lacy, D. D., C. H. Wiley, H. B. Pratt, Robert Burwell, William A. Shaw, M. D. and C. Miller.

From Concord Presbytery—Ministers—Daniel Lindley, T. P. Johnston, G. M. Gibbs, A. E. Chandler, R. W. Boyd, J. H. Thornwell and John W. Davis.

From Fayetteville Presbytery—Ministers—D. D. McBryde, Joseph Evans, N. T. Bowden, Archibald McQueen, David Fairley, A. N. Ferguson and K. M. McIntyre.

From Wilmington Presbytery—Ministers—D. B. Black, C. Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, S. H. Isler, James Kelly, N. Z. Graves, A. Kirkland, C. M. Payne, G. W. McMillan and H. B. Garriss.

From Mecklenburg Presbytery—Ministers—R. H. Morrison, D. D., James E. Morrison, James D. Hall, Wm. N. Morrison, L. R. McAboy, D. D., R. H. Chapman, D. D., William Graves, D. T. Towles, William B. Corbitt and William McDonald.

7. Statistical Reports of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Mecklenburg Presbyteries.

8. Appoint the following Standing Committees:

1. On Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. On the Records of Orange Presbytery.
4. On the Records of Concord Presbytery.
5. On the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery.
6. On the Records of Wilmington Presbytery.
7. On the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery
8. To prepare an address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
9. On Devotional Exercises.
10. On the Treasurer's Books.
11. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.
12. On Union Theological Seminary.
13. On the Report of the Trustees of Synod.
14. On Leave of Absence.
15. On Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries. (See Rule 24.)

9. Read the Narratives on the State of Religion from the five Presbyteries.

10. Read the Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary.

11. The term of office of the Fourth Class of Directors of Union Theological Seminary expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. B. F. Marable, and Mr. R. I. McDowell, Ruling-Elder.

12. Report of Committee, "*As to what can be done to promote the greater efficiency of Evangelistic Work in our bounds*" Rev. B. F. Marable, Chairman.

13. Absentees at the calling of the Roll at the close of the last Session of Synod. (See Minutes of 1877).

14. Record the Reports on Systematic Benevolence, respectively from the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville, Wilmington and Mecklenburg.

15. Read the Report of the Trustees of Synod.—Col. John E. Brown.

16. Read the Report of the Treasurer of Synod.—Mr. J. H. Lindsay.

17. Read the Report of the Agent of Sustentation.—Rev. H. G. Hill.

18. Read the Report of the Agent of Education.—Rev. L. McKinnon.

19. Read the Report of the Agent of Publication.—Rev. F. H. Johnston.

20. Read the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.

21. Read the Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools.—Rev. L. C. Vass.

22. How many copies of the Minutes shall be published?

23. Read the Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly.

24. Time and place of the next meeting of the Synod.

25. Minutes to be read and approved.

26. Call the roll at the Sessions

27. Close with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.